

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, JANUARY 23, 2008

APPLICATION OF

ADERA, LLC

For a certificate of public
convenience and necessity
to provide local exchange
telecommunications services

CASE NO. PUC-2007-00100

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ORDER FOR NOTICE AND COMMENT

On January 7, 2008, Adera, LLC ("Adera" or "Applicant") completed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for a certificate of public convenience and necessity ("certificate") to provide local exchange telecommunications services throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.¹

NOW UPON CONSIDERATION of the application, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that Adera's application should be docketed; that the Applicant should give notice to the public of its application; that interested persons should have an opportunity to comment and request a hearing on Adera's application; and that the Commission Staff should conduct an investigation into the reasonableness of the application and present its findings in a Staff Report.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- (1) This case is docketed and assigned Case No. PUC-2007-00100.
- (2) On or before February 22, 2008, the Applicant shall complete publication of the following notice to be published on one (1) occasion as classified advertising in newspapers having general circulation throughout the Applicant's proposed service territory:

¹ The Application was originally filed requesting both local exchange and interexchange authority. The Application was later amended to request only local exchange certification.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION
BY ADERA, LLC, FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL
EXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES
THROUGHOUT THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
CASE NO. PUC-2007-00100

On January 7, 2008, Adera, LLC ("Adera" or "Applicant") filed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for a certificate of public convenience and necessity ("certificate") to provide local exchange telecommunications services throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Copies of the application are available for public inspection between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, in the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia. Copies may also be downloaded from the Commission's website: www.scc.virginia.gov/caseinfo.htm, or may be ordered from Adera's counsel, Harry Malone, Esquire and Katie B. Besha, Esquire, Bingham McCutchen, LLP, 2020 K Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20006.

On or before March 7, 2008, any person desiring to comment on Adera's application for a certificate to provide local exchange telecommunications services may do so by directing such comments in writing to the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth below. Interested persons desiring to submit comments electronically may do so by following the instructions found on the Commission's website: www.scc.virginia.gov/caseinfo.htm. A hard copy of the comments, whether submitted in writing or electronically, shall be simultaneously served upon Adera's counsel at the address set forth above.

Any person may request a hearing on Adera's application by filing an original and fifteen (15) copies of its request for hearing on or before March 7, 2008, with the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth below. Requests for hearing must include: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the filing party; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; (iii) a statement of the legal basis for such action; and (iv) a precise statement why a hearing should be conducted in the matter. Persons filing a request for hearing shall serve a copy of their request on or before March 7, 2008 upon Adera's counsel at the address set forth above.

All written communications to the Commission concerning Adera's application shall be directed to Joel H. Peck, Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218, and shall refer to Case No. PUC-2007-00100.

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(3) On or before February 22, 2008, the Applicant shall provide a copy of the notice contained in Ordering Paragraph (2) to each local exchange telephone carrier certificated in Virginia and each interexchange carrier certificated in Virginia by personal delivery or first-class mail, postage prepaid, to the customary place of business. Lists of all current local exchange and interexchange carriers in Virginia are attached to this Order as Appendices A and B, respectively.

(4) Any person desiring to comment on Adera's application for a certificate to provide local exchange telecommunications services may do so by directing such comments in writing on or before March 7, 2008, to Joel H. Peck, Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218. Interested persons desiring to submit comments electronically may do so by following the instructions found on the Commission's website: www.scc.virginia.gov/caseinfo.htm. A hard copy of such comments, whether submitted in writing or electronically, shall be simultaneously served upon Adera's counsel, Harry Malone, Esquire and Katie B. Besha, Esquire, Bingham McCutchen, LLP, 2020 K Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20006. Comments must refer to Case No. PUC-2007-00100.

(5) On or before March 7, 2008, any person wishing to request a hearing on Adera's application for a certificate to provide local exchange telecommunications services shall file an original and fifteen (15) copies of its request for hearing in writing with the Clerk of the

Commission at the address set forth above. Written requests for hearing shall refer to Case No. PUC-2007-00100 and shall include: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the filing party; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; (iii) a statement of the legal basis for such action; and (iv) a precise statement why a hearing should be conducted in the matter. A copy shall also simultaneously be served on the Applicant at the address set forth above.

(6) On or before March 21, 2008, the Applicant shall file with the Commission proof of notice and proof of service as ordered herein.

(7) The Commission Staff shall analyze the reasonableness of Adera's application and present its findings in a Staff Report to be filed on or before April 4, 2008.

(8) On or before April 14, 2008, the Applicant shall file with the Clerk of the Commission an original and fifteen (15) copies of any responses to the Staff Report or comments and requests for hearing filed with the Commission. A copy of the response shall be delivered by overnight delivery to Staff and any other persons who filed comments or requests for hearing.

(9) The Applicant shall respond to written interrogatories or data requests within seven (7) days after the receipt of the same. Persons who filed requests for hearing shall provide to the Applicant, the Commission Staff, and any other persons who filed requests for hearing any workpapers or documents used in preparation of their requests for hearing, promptly upon request. Except as so modified, discovery shall be in accordance with Part IV of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

(10) The Applicant shall respond promptly to requests from interested persons for copies of the application and shall provide one copy free of charge. Copies are also available for public inspection between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, in the

Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, or may be downloaded from the Commission's website: www.scc.virginia.gov/caseinfo.htm.

(11) In accordance with 20 VAC 5-417-20 G 1 b, the Applicant shall provide a performance or surety bond in the amount of \$50,000 in a form to be prescribed by the Commission Staff. This bond shall be provided to the Commission's Division of Economics and Finance within 30 days from the date of this Order.

(12) This matter is continued generally.

AN ATTESTED COPY hereof shall be sent by the Clerk of the Commission to: Harry Malone, Esquire and Katie B. Besha, Esquire, Bingham McCutchen, LLP, 2020 K Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20006; C. Meade Browder, Jr., Senior Assistant Attorney General, Division of Consumer Counsel, Office of Attorney General, 900 East Main Street, 2nd Floor, Richmond, Virginia 23219; and the Commission's Divisions of Communications, Public Service Taxation, and Economics and Finance.